

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An electric camera includes an imaging device converts an optical image focused thereon into an electric signal, a compressor generates compressed image data of the electric signal, a memory which stores the compressed image data, a decompressor generates an electric signal from the compressed image data stored in the memory, a progressive selection switch directs the progress of reproducing an image on a monitor, a connector connects the camera with an external device, and a control circuit. The control circuit controls writing operations of the memory according to an external data access from the external device and reading operations of the memory according to an internal data access occurred by an operation of the progressive selection switch. The control circuit inhibits writing operations of the memory according to an external data access independent of an external access direction from the external access device when the internal data is being executed.